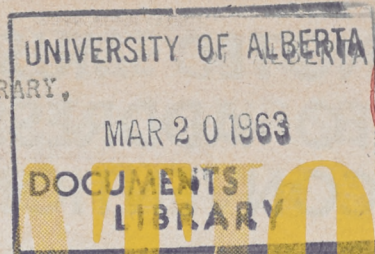


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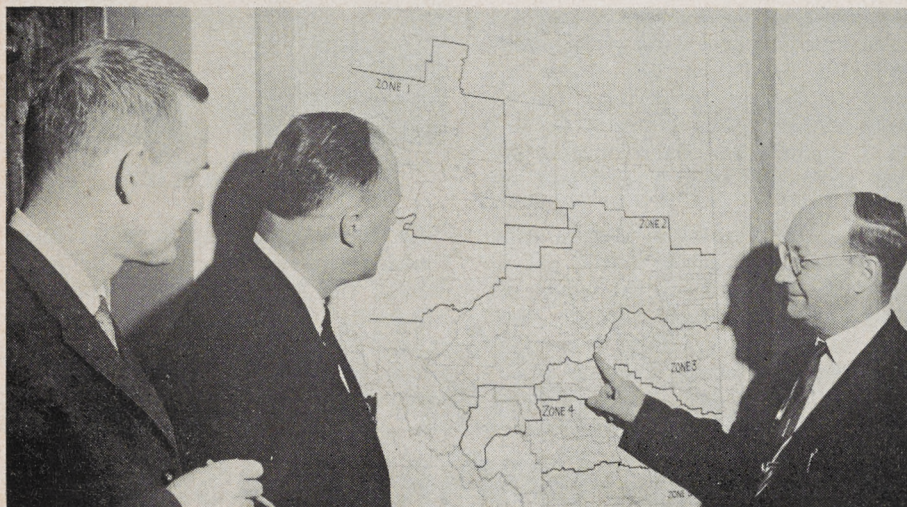
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## FITNESS SURVEY COMMITTEE INVITES BRIEFS, SUGGESTIONS



Left to right) Secretary Jack Riddel, research advisor Lionel Fournier, and chairman A. V. Pettigrew of the Fitness and Amateur Sport Committee plan a series of community hearings throughout Alberta.

The Fitness and Amateur Sport Study Committee, established by Order in Council of the Government of Alberta, is charged with the task of compiling information from organizations and individuals engaged voluntarily or professionally in encouraging, developing and promoting fitness and amateur sport activities among the residents of Alberta.

The collected data will serve as a basis for analysis, following which recommendations will then be formulated and embodied in a report to the Minister for consideration in the planning of future recreational and cultural developments in the Province.

An invitation is, therefore, extended

to all communities, organizations and associations in the Province who are in one way or another associated with programs of fitness and amateur sport and other recreational activities, to present briefs outlining the components which play a role in the promotion and development of their respective activities.

Of particular interest to the committee are such developments as program of the activities, facilities utilized in the promotion of programs, leadership personnel available and financial resources.

The following items shall serve as general terms of reference for written submissions:

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## HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL DATES SET

High School Drama Festivals will be held in six of Alberta's seven school zones this spring.

It will be the third year for festivals at Peace River and Tofield, in zones 1 and 3, the second year for the Edmonton North zone festival to be held in Jasper Place, and the first year for festivals 4, 6 and 7, to be held respectively in Ponoka, Coaldale and Medicine Hat.

The festivals are being organized by the Drama Division working in co-operation with zone festival committees, and among the adjudicators this year will be Gordon Peacock, Walter Kaasa, John Rivet, Betty Mitchell and Jack McCreath.

The dates for these festivals are as follows:

- Zone 6 at Coaldale, March 22-23.
- Zone 3 at Tofield, March 29-30.
- Zone 1 at Peace River, April 5-6.
- Zone 4 at Ponoka, April 26.
- Zone 2 at Jasper Place, May 4.
- Zone 7 at Medicine Hat, March 8-9.

**SEE YOU IN BANFF  
MARCH 22-24**

at the  
**A.R.A. SPRING CONFERENCE**  
and  
**RECREATION BOARD  
WORKSHOP**



## FITNESS SURVEY

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—Is there a present lack of adequate fitness opportunities in your organization and community?

—Who is missed in your program?

—Where should emphasis be placed—at the local, provincial or federal level?

—As a recreation and cultural development organization, where are your weaknesses and why?

—Quantitative registration and program statistics should be noted.

—What about the physical education program in your community?

—What about the “after high school” age group?

—Future plans and suggestions for improvement in Alberta programs.

For further information, address your communications to: Mr. Jack W. Riddel, Secretary, Fitness and Amateur Sport Survey Committee, 424 Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

## “FESTIVAL OF THE PEACE” DRAMA AWARDS

The Third Annual Festival of the Peace was held in Grande Prairie on Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16, with seven entries from Grande Prairie, Hythe, Valleyview, Dawson Creek and Beaverlodge.

The festival, originated by the Drama Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Provincial government, is co-sponsored by the Branch, the Parks and Recreation Board of Grande Prairie, and the Grande Prairie Allied Arts Council.

St. Paul's Drama Club of Grande Prairie won the best production trophy with its performance of “The Lesson” directed by Bob Vanderleelie. Best actor award went to Peter Gibbs of Dawson Creek for his performance of “The Man With the Flower In His Mouth,” and best actress went to Kay Allen of Grande Prairie Little Theatre for her performance as Katherine of Aragon in “White Queen Red Queen”.

The deputy provincial secretary, Mr. E. R. Hughes, opened the festival and Marjorie Knowler of Edmonton was this year's adjudicator.

## NOTED MUSIC EDUCATORS TO ADDRESS CALGARY CONVENTION MARCH 23

School music teachers from throughout the province will gather in Calgary on March 23 for the annual convention of the Alberta Music Educators' Association.

The one-day convention is to be held in the music department of the University of Alberta, Calgary.

Major speaker will be Professor Robert Nye of the University of Oregon. His topics are “Ideas for Teaching Music” and “Songs for Children”. His visit is being sponsored by the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Alberta Government.

Also featured on the program will be Dr. Lloyd Slind of U.B.C., who is president of the Canadian Music Educators' Association. He will discuss latest developments on the national scene.

The Pius X School Band of Edmonton, conducted by Father Leo Green will travel to Calgary to perform for the music teachers. This group of Grade 6 and 7 students has made amazing progress since the band was formed ten months ago.

During the morning session, a panel will discuss how school music can be improved. Members of the panel are Harry Lomnes of Wetaskiwin, Dr. Lloyd Slind of Vancouver, Ron Stevens of Edmonton and Isabelle Kennedy of Calgary.



DR. LLOYD SLIND

Dr. Frank Churchley of the Calgary University music department is president of the A.M.E.A. Vice president is Elizabeth Filipkowski, Faculty of Education, Edmonton. Cynthia Downe, Assistant Supervisor of Music for Calgary schools, is secretary.

## BASEBALL UMPIRES' ASSN. PLAN REGIONAL SCHOOLS

The Alberta Amateur Baseball Umpires' Association are formulating plans to operate 13 regional schools throughout the province this spring. Application forms are being made up and will be available soon to those wishing to attend.

Two people have attended the George Barr Umpiring School in Florida, and will be on hand to assist in bringing Alberta umpires up to date on the latest methods and new developments that have been formulated in the United States.

The Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Government of Alberta is taking a keen interest in the umpires, and is planning to co-operate with the Alberta Association in

order to assist a most worthwhile and necessary project.

Tentative dates have been set for Umpires' Schools as follows:

February 26-March 29, Edmonton.

March 15-16, Spirit River.

March 22-23, Stettler.

March 29-30, Peace River.

April 5-6, Westlock, Medicine Hat.

April 12-13-14, Calgary.

April 19-20-21, Lethbridge.

May 3-4, St. Paul.

May 10-11, Drumheller.

For further information contact Mr. Fred Skakum, 12710-118th Avenue, Edmonton, or

Mr. S. C. Moore, Acting Supervisor, Athletics and Outdoor Education, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, 424 Legislative Building, Edmonton.



# PLAYGROUND COURSE AND CAMP COUNCILLORS COURSE DATES ANNOUNCED



This picture (courtesy H. Clark of Jasper Place) shows a peaceful evening campfire session during the 1962 course.

May 16-20 — Senior camp councillors course.

June 22-28—Beginning camp councillors course.

June 22-28—Playground leaders short course.

All to be held at the Salvation Army Camp on beautiful Pine Lake, 23 miles east of Red Deer.

All information available from Jack Riddel, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Room 424, Legislative Building, Edmonton.

## MAY 1 DEADLINE FOR RECREATION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AT CAMROSE

Application forms for first and second year courses at the Recreation Leadership School, which will be held this year on July 25-August 4, at Camrose, are available from J. W. Riddell, Acting Supervisor, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, 424 Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Apply early as option courses are limited.

### Purpose of the School

To provide persons interested in leading recreational activities with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

### Who May Attend

Every community in Alberta has the opportunity to nominate candidates to

the school.

### Candidates Must Be

1. Nominated by the local recreation authority or by a responsible organization in the community.

2. Physically fit.

3. Prepared to provide leadership service in their community.

4. At least 17 years of age prior to July 1, 1963.

5. Candidates under 21 years of age must have completed Grade 11 or be presently enrolled in that grade, completing same by June 1963. Adult candidates with less than Grade 10 education will be given consideration.

Deadline date for all courses—May 1, 1963.

## SPEED SKATING CLINICS TO BE HELD THIS MONTH

Three speedskating clinics are being offered to Albertans during the month of March, as follows:

March 8, 9, 10, Banff.

March 22, 23, 24, Grande Prairie.

March 29, 30, 31, Stettler.

All the clinics are being sponsored by the Alberta Speedskating Association in co-operation with the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Government of Alberta. Invitations have been forwarded to all speedskating clubs, community recreation directors, community leaders, community clubs interested in developing this activity, and physical educationists throughout the province. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age.

Included in the clinics will be such topics as:

1. Canadian and European development.
2. Clubs, organization, administration programs.
3. Facilities required.
4. Teaching techniques.
5. Fitness in skating.
6. The Olin award system.
7. Future development.

Ice time will be included in the program.

Early applications are required to assure that the clinics will be carried on as scheduled, and should be forwarded to Mr. Austin Bridges, 10752 79th Avenue, Edmonton. Deadlines for applications are: Banff, March 4; Grande Prairie, March 18; Stettler, March 25. Additional application forms may be obtained from Mr. Bridges, or from Mr. S. C. Moore, Acting Supervisor of Athletics and Outdoor Education, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, 424 Legislative Building, Edmonton.

### THE TOWN OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

is looking for a qualified person capable of looking after all recreation needs of the town. This is a new position and would require all ground work. Address inquiries to the

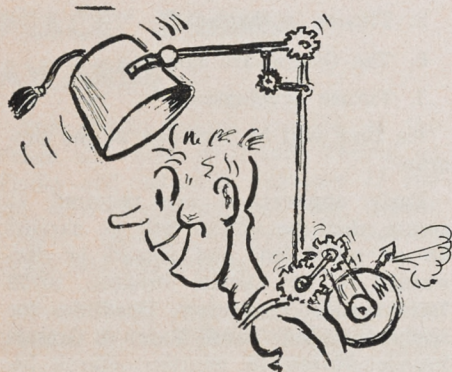
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Box 89,  
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.



## Dates to Remember

- Municipal Recreation Board Workshop, March 22-24, Banff.
- Alberta Recreation Association, March 22-24, Banff.
- Band Workshop, March 29-31, Cardston.
- Alberta Library Association Conference, April 22-23, Red Deer.
- Girls' Physical Education Workshop, May 9-11, U. of A., Edmonton.
- Library Custodians' Seminar, May 13-15, U. of A., Edmonton.
- Senior Camp Councillors' Course, May 16-20, Pine Lake.
- Beginners' Camp Councillors' Course, June 22-28, Pine Lake.
- Playground Leaders' Course, June 22-28, Pine Lake.
- Recreation Leadership School, July 7 to August 4, Camrose.
- Drama Seminar, August 11-17, Olds Agricultural School.

## FLIP OF THE FEZ TO...



Kay Allan and Bob Van Derleelie for their awards at the "Festival of the Peace" Drama Festival.

**Rocky Mountain House** for a very successful opening of their new well-planned Recreation Centre.

**Edmonton** for staging a very successful Muk Luk Mardi Gras, an annual MUST for northern Alberta.

**Rimbey** for the ambitious project of moving the arena from Nordegg to Rimbey.

**Wayne Saboe** and his Bonnie Doon curlers from Edmonton, for winning the laurels in the Canadian High School Boys' Curling Bonspiel.

**University of Alberta** in Edmonton, for a fabulous Varsity Guest Weekend.

## BONNYVILLE LIBRARY GETS NEW STATUS

The Town of Bonnyville started the New Year with changes at the Public Library. On January 3 permission was given by the Provincial Secretary, the Hon. Ambrose Holowach, to enable the town to establish a municipal library. For ten years, the community library operated by volunteers had attempted to cope with the reading needs of the town and district, but the growing demand on the service made increased support necessary. Hence the change in status. The Public Library will now be financed by the town funds and increased grants from the Provincial Government and the newly appointed library board look forward to expansion of services to their many readers.

## PICTURE BUTTE LIBRARY OPENED

Picture Butte Public Library was opened by Supervisor of Public Libraries on Saturday, February 23.

Mayor Hague, and Board Chairman, Mr. S. Johnson, together with over sixty residents of Picture Butte, were present at the opening ceremony.

The Chairman of the Library Board paid tribute to all those citizens and organizations who had helped to make the library possible and called for their continued support in the future.

Mrs. Boras, the newly appointed custodian, was soon busy unofficially registering readers, so it appears that this new library will fill a long-felt need in the town.

## 92 STUDENTS ATTEND BAND WORKSHOP

A most successful band workshop was held in Grande Prairie, February 22, 23 and 24. A total of 92 students attended from Grande Prairie, Peace River, Beaverlodge, Valleyview and Fort St. John.

The latest innovation in the curriculum was the series of discussion sessions for band directors. Captain H. A. Jeffrey gave two sessions on conducting, and Mr. Martin Intscher dealt with the use of band instruction methods. The instrumental instructors gave demonstrations for the band directors on the teaching of the various instruments.

The workshop was climaxed with a short concert on Sunday afternoon, February 24, to which parents and friends of the instrumental students were invited. Captain Jeffrey explained the purpose of the workshop and illustrated what had been done by performing various numbers which had been studied by the two bands of the workshop. In the absence of the Music Supervisor, Captain A. Brown, Inspector of Bands, Western Command, was in charge.

As we go to press, a workshop has been arranged to take place in the Queen Elizabeth School, Wetaskiwin, on March 1, 2 and 3. It is anticipated that bands from Wetaskiwin, Leduc, Camrose, Devon and Drayton Valley will attend.

A further workshop has been arranged for Cardston on March 29, 30 and 31 for bands from Cardston, Pincher Creek, Raymond, Warner and Milk River.

## ALBERTA - B.C. HOCKEY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE DISCUSSED

Plans are being formulated for a regional "Alberta-British Columbia" hockey leadership institute to run during the latter part of August. A regional committee made up of provincial representatives met at the University of Alberta in Edmonton on Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24, to draw up preliminary plans. Those in attendance were: chairman, Dr. Don Smith, U. of A.; Mr. Ed Zemero, U. of A., recording secretary of the meeting; Mr. Bob Routledge, schools athletics; Mr. Jim Panton, Community Programmes Branch, Government of British Columbia; Mr. Jim Anderson, president of British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association; Mr.

Jim Brown, president, Alberta Amateur Hockey Association; Dr. Bob Hindmarsh, University of British Columbia, and Mr. Syd. Moore, acting supervisor, Athletics and Outdoor Education, Recreational and Cultural Development Branch, Government of Alberta.

## DATES OF OLDS DRAMA FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

The fourth annual Olds Drama Seminar will be held at the Olds Agricultural School from August 11 to 17 inclusive.

Staff will be announced at a later date.